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## HEARING SYNOPSIS

March 16, 2023 Agenda (33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting) Present: Buckley, Hong, Hullinger

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS – LICENSES GRANTED**

[Comm. Hong moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 3:0]

Green Ocean Ventures, LLC, dba Bogart's Café and Espresso Bar Transfer from Bronte, Inc., dba Bogart's Café and Espresso Bar Restaurant General license (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar) 3045 Monsarrat Avenue, Unit 9

Henriques LLC, dba Henriques Steak & Seafood/Fresh Catch 45-1002 Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

#### APPROVED AT PRELIMINARY HEARING

[Comm. Hong moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 3:0]

K Express, Inc., dba Par 3 Liquors Transfer from Yoon & Cha Enterprise, Ltd., dba Par 3 Liquors Retail General license 1311 North King Street

Ace Enterprise Group LLC, dba Ace Enterprise Group LLC 1719 Kalauokalani Way, Suite 201 Dispenser General license (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

Honolulu Beerworks LLC, dba Honolulu Beerworks Production 1416 Hart Street, Space B001 Manufacturer Beer license

Lucia's Ward LLC, dba Cino 987 Queen Street, Space N-100 (A'ali'i Condominium) Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

PB Restaurant, LLC, dba Taqueria El Gallo Rosa 1200 Ala Moana Boulevard, Space B001101 (Ward Village) Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

Eggs 'N Things Hawaii Inc., dba Eggs 'N Things

2464 Kalakaua Avenue (Waikiki Circle Hotel)

Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

Howzit Brewing LLC, dba Howzit Brewing

330 Kamani Street

Brew Pub General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing) [Comm. Hong moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 3:0 (Buckley disclosure)]

Honolulu Beerworks LLC, dba Honolulu Beerworks Production and Tap Room 1416 Hart Street, Space B001A

Small Craft Producer and Pub General license (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)

## OTHER LICENSE/APPLICATION/REQUEST GRANTED

[Comm. Hullinger moved for approval; Comm. Hong seconded; Vote 3:0]

Hawaii Polo School & Training Foundation, dba Hawaii Polo School & Training Foundation 68-585 Farrington Highway, Waialua

Special [Non-Profit] General license from 11:00 a.m.to 8:00 p.m. on the following Sundays: (total of 21 days)

- 1) April 16, 23, and 30, 2023;
- 2) May 7, 14, and 21, 2023;
- 3) May 28, 2023, June 4 and 11, 2023;
- 4) June 18 and 25, 2023, and July 2, 2023;
- 5) July 9, 16, and 23, 2023;
- 6) July 30, 2023, August 6 and 13, 2023;
- 7) August 20 and 27, 2023, and September 3, 2023

(Fundraising event)

Gen Kapolei LP, dba Gen Korean BBQ House

91-5431 Kapolei Parkway, Suite 1103 the former site of Applebee's

Temporary [Stand-Alone] Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

Better Bites Thai LLC, dba Better Bites Thai LLC

401 Kamakee Street, Suite 102, the former site of Phuket Thai Restaurant, Inc.

Temporary [Stand-Alone] Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

[Comm. Hong moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 3:0 (Buckley with reservations)]

88 Palpai Keeaumoku L&C Corp., dba Bishop Onokai Restaurant

1088 Bishop Street, #LL13, the current site of Hukilau Honolulu

Temporary Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

Mayas Tapas and Wine L.L.C., dba Mayas Tapas and Wine L.L.C.

Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing) 66-250 Kamehameha Highway, Unit D-101, Haleiwa

Approval for a conversion of entity from Maya's Tapas and Wine L.L.C. to Maya's Tapas & Wine, Inc.

Cools in Catering by Sinublan Inc., Sinublan Catering

Special General license

94-428 Mokuola Street, Waipahu

Approval to amend event date for Appl. No. 23-01367 from February 26, 2023 to December 16, 2023 (Application approved on February 2, 2023, License No. H1513 issued)

#### ADJUDICATION HEARINGS

[Comm. Hullinger moved to accept or amend recommended penalty; Comm. Hong seconded; Vote 3:0]

Myong Nan, Inc., dba Club Waterfall

Dispenser General license (Categories No. 3 & 4 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing; and Hostess]

727 Waiakamilo Road

Charge 1

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.5(a) [Licensee employed a person in that section of the licensed premises

where liquor is sold, served or consumed without said employee being properly

registered with the Commission]

Plea: Admit allegations, with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty (prior)

Charge 2

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.4(a) [Licensee failed to have a time card or other adequate record showing

in English the month, day, year, and time, indicating a.m. or p.m. and the legal first name

and surname of its employee when that employee was on duty]

Plea: Admit allegations, with explanation

Disposition: \$350 penalty (prior)

Charge 3

Violation: Rule 3-84-78.01(b) [Licensee's employee consumed liquor while on duty on the licensed

premises]

Plea: Admit allegations, with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty

Waikiki Boys Club LLC, dba Sansei Seafood Restaurant & Sushi Bar D.K. Steak House

Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

2552 Kalakaua Avenue, #A300-A/B

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.9(a) [Licensee failed to have a duly registered manager in active charge of

the licensed premises during the time the establishment is licensed to sell or serve liquor]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty

Waikiki Boys Club LLC, dba Sansei Seafood Restaurant & Sushi Bar D.K. Steak House

Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

2552 Kalakaua Avenue, #A300-A/B

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.9(a) [Licensee failed to have a duly registered manager in active charge of

the licensed premises during the time the establishment is licensed to sell or serve liquor]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty

Fortune Foods Hawaii, Inc., dba Seafood City Supermarket

Retail General license

94-050 Farrington Highway, #E-4, Waipahu

Violation: Rule 3-81-17.56 [Licensee failed to accurately report its revenues from gross liquor sales

or to properly complete the gross liquor sales report]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$750 penalty (prior)

The Korner Room LLC, dba The Beachhouse Sports Bar & Grill

Dispenser General license (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing) 46-028 Kawa Street, Kaneohe

Violation: Rule 3-84-78.03(b) [Licensee permitted entertainment which caused complaints from the

public or reports from the Commission's investigators indicating that sounds emanating from the licensed premises caused undue disturbance which disrupted the peace and

quiet of the neighborhood]

Plea: Admit allegations, with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty; suspend \$500 if no similar violation within one-year period

Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC, dba Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC

Dispenser General license (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing) 60 North Nimitz Highway

Charge 1

Violation: Section 281-38, HRS [Licensee failed to comply with any other laws applicable to the

business of Licensee, whether in existence at the time of issue of such license or enacted

or amended from time to time thereafter, to wit, Emergency Order No. 2021-03

(COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus])]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: Letter of reprimand

Charge 2

Violation: Rule 3-84-72.2 [Licensee failed to have the street and/or primary entrances to the

licensed premises unlocked during the time customers were on the premises]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty

Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC, dba Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC

Dispenser General license (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

60 North Nimitz Highway

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.4(a) [Licensee failed to have a time card or other adequate record showing

in English the month, day, year, and time, indicating a.m. or p.m. and the legal first name

and surname of its employee when that employee was on duty]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$350 penalty (prior)

## **ADJUDICATION HEARINGS – CONTINUED**

[Continued without objections; no vote taken]

LP Hawaii Corporation, dba 20. Twelve Honolulu

Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing) 2012-A South Beretania Street

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.20(a) [Licensee permitted the sale, service or consumption of liquor on or

within the licensed premises before or after the hours established by the Commission]

Disposition: Default judgment

CONTINUED TO THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023, FOR PENALTY PHASE

930 Associates, Inc., dba Chiko's Tavern

Dispenser General license (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

930 McCully Street

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.20(b) [Licensee permitted liquor of any kind, while in bottle, glass or other

container, to be open and readily consumable within the licensed premises before or after

the hours established by the Commission]

Disposition: Default judgment

CONTINUED TO THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023, FOR PENALTY PHASE

Il Tappo LLC, dba Il Tappo

Dispenser General license (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing) 2181 Kalakaua Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby

Charge 1

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.5(a) [Licensee employed a person in that section of the licensed premises

where liquor is sold, served, or consumed without said employee being properly

registered with the Commission]

Charge 2

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.9(a) [Licensee failed to have a duly registered manager in active charge of

the licensed premises during the time the establishment is licensed to sell or serve liquor]

CONTINUED TO THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023 (Charges 1 and 2)

IQ Factory LLC, dba La Cucina

Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

725 Kapiolani Boulevard, #C112

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.9(a) [Licensee failed to have a duly registered manager in active charge of

the licensed premises during the time the establishment is licensed to sell or serve liquor]

Disposition: Default judgment

CONTINUED TO THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023, FOR PENALTY PHASE